

Preschool Storytime Basics Attendee Contributions

The following is a compilation of shared attendee comments during the Texas State Library & Archives Commission's January 10, 2017 *Preschool Storytime Basics* webinar presented by Kim Lehman.

Favorite Storytime Books

- Press Here
- press here and book with no pictures
- mix it up by herve tullet
- Blue Sea by Kalan
- Just Open a Book by Hallinan, P. K.
- I love Mo Willems and Pigeon books are always a hit!
- my kids love, love elephant and piggie books. it's tons of fun when you become each of them as you read!
- Pete the Cat books
- Skippyjon Jones
- Interrupting Chicken
- Dragons Love Tacos
- Going on a bear hunt
- eric litwin's books
- DON'T PUSH THE BUTTON. BILL COTTER
- Tanka Tanka Skunk
- Anything by Jan Thomas!
- Duck on a Bike
- theres a shark in the park
- If ... by sarah perry
- Chickens to the Rescue - other stories
- Wolf's Chicken Stew
- Mother Bruce by Ryan T. Higgins
- Meet Dizzy Dinosaur
- Betty Bunny Loves Chocolate Cake
- Little Blue Truck
- Dog's Colorful Day by Dodd
- Not a Box
- from head to toe
- Watch out Big Bros coming Jez Alborough
- the little old lady who was not afraid of anything! I love all the action I can do with the kids with this book
- a pocket for corduroy
- Ouch! by Scamel
- Bear Snores On
- my kids love caps for sale! we play a game with that story.

- Give a mouse a cookie
- I love Tap the magic tree and the seasons it shows
- Awesome book Tap the Magic Tree
- Little Penguin has the hiccups
- I LOVE Polar Bear's Underwear, and so do my preschoolers! How to Dress Your Dragon is another good one similar to that. There is also an activity PDF file by the publisher that goes with Polar Bear's Underwear
- Mother Bruce by Ryan T. Higgins
- Betty Bunny Loves Chocolate Cake
- giganotosaurus by jonny duddle
- My kids love flannel board Go Away Big Green Monster

Movement and Action songs

- Shake the Sillies Out
- We do a morning stretch to get the wiggles out
- We sometimes do jazz hands!

Gardening theme contributions

- I do Jack and the Beanstalk each year and plant pole seeds and then we also transplant in our community garden
- If You Plant a Seed - fabulous book!

Sign language sharing

- I attended a workshop that Anne Meeker presented and learned tons about sign language for storytime. I highly recommend checking out her website.

Opening Songs

- Opening - Tooty Ta
- Sing "Hello Coco" with a bear puppet, and then sing hello to each kid!
- More We Get Together as opener; Simple Dance as closer
- We start with "Clap and Sing Hello"

Closing Songs

- I love the alligator song
- the more we get together song

Suggestions for dealing with loud parents

- Remind parents that there will be time to visit after storytime
- Usually an announcement works, but, I will ask the group to please model good listening skills
- Let parents help read books. Esp works with Mo Willems books

- Our Friends group and one of the local fitness groups began a preschool parents coffee once a month for the parents that begins 30 minutes before storytime.
- Do an activity where parents can partner with their child
- So much can be headed off at the pass! Lay out your (friendly) expectations at the very beginning in an announcement and EVERY TIME after that.